

GERMAN PARTY RULE CHANGES

Independents Splitting Over
Demands of Third International.

PART TO JOIN MAJORITY

Cabinet Refuses New Election
and Nationalists May Aid
Coalition.

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BERLIN, Sept. 8.—Well informed men in Parliamentary circles here expect most interesting political developments in the next few weeks. In the first place the Majority Socialists expect a division in the ranks of the Independent Socialists over the demands of the Third International laid down in Moscow recently and believe that, following this split in the left wing of the German Socialist party, a majority of the more conservative men in that political faction will join the Majority Socialists.

This would give the Majority Socialists greater numerical strength than any other German political party, and they would have approximately 150 members in the Reichstag.

The Independent Socialists began the political campaign now in progress with the demand that a new election law be enacted. The elections last June having been held under last year's election law, the Independent Socialists held that the returns did not correctly reflect public opinion and that it is imperative that there be another election here this winter for members of the Reichstag.

The Independent Socialists, as is quite well known, hope to overthrow the present Cabinet and to form an exclusively Socialist Government.

The political parties now represented in the Government say they are ready to accept Independent Socialist members in the Cabinet and to constitute the Government on the basis of the relative strength of the various political parties represented in German politics, by their refusal to agree to the demand from the left for a new election.

Competent political observers here hold that if the Independent Socialists decline to participate in the present Government and begin an aggressive campaign to overthrow it, the German National party will support the Cabinet and thus help form a lasting non-radical Coalition Government.

GARY TO MEET WORLD FINANCIERS IN PARIS

Problems Will Be Discussed
Before Brussels Meeting.

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PARIS, Sept. 8.—There is a strong possibility that Judge Gary will be chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, will remain here for several more weeks to confer with American and French financiers prior to his Brussels financial conference, the correspondent of THE SUN and New York Herald was informed this morning. Although his trip here is primarily one of rest, Judge Gary is deeply interested in the efforts of the League of Nations to solve the European financial problem.

On his return to Paris after a tour of Spain and the south of France for a fortnight, Judge Gary paid a high tribute to French industry and agricultural development, saying that everywhere he found laborers toiling to get the most out of the soil from the materials they had.

"Two men I most admire at this moment are M. Marval (French Minister of Finance), who has put French finance on its feet, and Premier Villard, who is equally as illustrious as M. Marval, as he has given predominance to France by developing a systematic social order, without which the world cannot exist," he said.

Judge Gary refused to discuss the forthcoming Brussels financial conference, but admitted that he would meet bankers and French politicians here to give his views on the problems to meet the international exchange crisis.

JUGO-SLAVS BEATEN IN ALBANIAN ATTACK

Invasions Aim to Master Country—U. S. Red Cross Quits.

ROME, Sept. 8.—Jugo-Slavia intends to make itself master of Albania. It is declared here in the light of recent reports. Jugo-Slavian troops have occupied Tarabosh and are attacking Kastrati, Dibra and Elbasan.

In the fighting at Dibra the Jugo-Slavs were repulsed, losing several cannon and machine guns. It is reported they lost 1,200 prisoners, Bosnian and Slovenian troops surrendering. Other attacks being made are progressing more favorably.

It is asserted the American Red Cross has withdrawn from Albania.

REDS AGAIN CLAIM GAINS.

Occupy Kamenets-Litovsk and Fight on the Bug.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Tuesday's official statement from Moscow reporting engagements between Polish forces and Soviet troops says:

"In the Brest-Litovsk region we have occupied Kamenets-Litovsk (twenty-five miles north of Brest-Litovsk). In the region of Vladimir-Volynsk (about midway between Brest-Litovsk and Lemberg) fierce fighting is proceeding north and south of Grubieskov (on the west bank of the Bug, southwest of Vladimir-Volynsk)."

CLEMENCEAU OFF TO INDIA.

Former French Premier Going to Hunt Tigers.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—Georges Clemenceau, the former French Premier, will leave for India on September 20 aboard the steamer Cordillera, sailing for Madras. He will land at Singapore, where a British ship will carry him to Calcutta.

M. Clemenceau will proceed to the Himalayas to hunt the tiger and will return to France about New Year's day.

Spanish Rioters Burn Flag.
BARCELONA, Sept. 7.—Rioters here today pulled down a Spanish flag hoisted for the festival in progress and burned it. Police made six arrests.

British Imports Increase.
LONDON, Sept. 8.—The August statement of the Board of Trade shows the following changes: Imports increased £4,805,000; exports of British products increased £10,130,000; reexports increased £1,942,000; total exports increased £12,072,000; excess of imports

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POLES GAINING ON THREE WIDE FRONTS

Defeat Lithuanians in North
and Reds in East and
South.

By the Associated Press.

WARSAW, Sept. 7.—An official communication issued today says the advance of the Lithuanians in the north has been checked. Polish cavalry detachments stopped the further advance of the Lithuanians after some fighting.

In the fighting in the south with the Bolsheviks the communication reports a further retreat by Gen. Budenny's forces at Rubieszow, where the Bolsheviks were defeated with losses. Polish successes also are announced on the Lemberg front.

Germans and Russian Bolsheviks are aiding the Lithuanians. It is contended by Polish authorities. Reports reaching army headquarters state that Leon Trotsky, Russian Bolshevik Minister of War and Marine, has ordered Soviet troops to help the Lithuanians to drive the Poles out of that country.

It is contended by the Poles that the Germans and Bolsheviks planned to use Lithuania as a corridor connecting Russia and East Prussia. Reports have been received which seem to indicate that German military and commercial interests have combined with the Bolsheviks to encourage Lithuanians to wage war against Poland.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 8.—The Lithuanian Government will make an energetic protest against the recruiting by the French Military Commission of Lithuanians for Gen. Wrangel's anti-Bolshevik South Russian army. It is stated in semi-official Lithuanian quarters here. Unless the recruiting ceases immediately, it is declared, the French Government will be asked to withdraw its commission, whose activities are asserted to be bringing Lithuania into conflict with the peace conditions of Soviet Russia.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—An official report received in diplomatic circles today said Gen. Zdzislaw Rozwadowski, Lithuanian army, had served notice on the Polish military delegates at Kovno that unless Lithuanian territorial claims were accepted, Lithuania would cooperate with the Russian Bolsheviks and eventually with Germany against Poland. The answer made by the Polish officers was not reported.

A message from Warsaw to the Polish Legation said Lithuania might be represented at the Russian-Polish peace negotiations at Riga. The Polish advisers expressed the hope that these negotiations would be brief.

Polish representatives who greeted Vice Admiral Hase, commanding American naval craft recently sent to Janszig and later withdrawn, have reported, the message continued, that the American officer told them "the cause to bring moral support to the Polish people."

PONZI HOPELESS BANKRUPT.

Chairman of Federal Receivers
Makes This Report.

BOSTON, Sept. 8.—Charles Ponzi is hopelessly bankrupt, William R. Sears, chairman of the Federal receivers for the get rich quick promoter, announced at a hearing in the United States District Court today. The court appointed James M. Olmstead, referee in bankruptcy, to coordinate all bankruptcy proceedings now pending against Ponzi, and to determine among other things whether he had any partners in the Securities Exchange Company, in which from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 of investments are tied up.

Counsel for Ponzi was assured by the court that the case would go to jury trial after the referee had finished his inquiry.

KILLED ON LAKE FREIGHTER.

Boiler Explodes on Ore Carrier
With Fatal Result.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 8.—A boiler explosion on the ore carrier Empire City, bound down the lake, occurred to-night when the vessel was twenty miles off this port.

Two of the crew were reported to have been killed and a third member of the crew, Harry Cooper, of Cleveland, was seriously scalded. The names of the dead men have not been obtained.

The steamship Coconara, which was close by the Empire City, brought Cooper to Cleveland, where he was taken to a hospital.

TRIED FOR SINKING LIGHTER.

Master and Pilot of Steamship
Charged With Neglect.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 8.—Federal steamboat inspectors in this city today began the trial of Capt. Charles B. Downs, master, and Capt. Edgar S. Angell, pilot of the steamboat Georgia, on charges growing out of the sinking of the lighter Providence in a heavy fog in the Providence River during the early morning of August 21.

The life of a member of the crew of the lighter was lost, and it is charged that the officers permitted the steamboat to proceed without making any effort to aid the boat it had struck.

I. C. C. to Probe Rate Order.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Investigation was ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission into the reasonableness of the order recently issued by the New York Public Service Commission declining permission to railroads in that State to increase intrastate rates in conformity with the recent increase in interstate rates.

D'Annunzio to Release the Cogno.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Gabriele D'Annunzio has disapproved the seizure of the Italian steamship Cogno by his officers and will order its release, says a Rome despatch of Tuesday to the Exchange Telegraph, quoting advice from Piuma.

DOZEN NEW SHOCKS IN ITALIAN QUAKE

Number of Dead Reported Is
Nearly 400, but Work Is
Not Complete.

FLORENCE, Sept. 8.—A dozen additional shocks have been felt in the afflicted region since the first one, further increasing the terror of the population. Fortunately no fresh disasters are reported. Telephonic communication with Massa Carrara is interrupted.

At Pisa the inmates of an asylum for the insane were terror stricken and tried to escape, some of them succeeding. Prisoners clamored to be liberated, but were calmed when they were transferred to a large courtyard, where there was little danger of the walls falling on them.

Up to 6 o'clock the number of dead reported was nearly 400, although this is only approximate, for there are many bodies under the ruins. The injured are filling all the neighboring hospitals and 800 have been counted, but there are many more.

Numerous rescuing parties are at work, but food, blankets and medicines are scarce. The toll of life is especially felt, as there are many suffering from cerebral concussion.

From scores of small towns and villages come reports of great destruction to homes. Some families were almost entirely blotted out, and each place has its small or large toll of dead.

ROME, Sept. 8.—Italy, from Florence northward to Modena, was rocked by a severe earthquake yesterday. Lowest estimates received here place the number of dead at 300, with hundreds injured. Thousands of buildings are in ruins.

The territory where the earth disturbance apparently was most severe extends along the Etrurian coast and over the Apennines eastward for about a hundred miles. In this area, which is lozenge shaped, there are many populous towns, from many of which no news has come out since the shock.

Many reports tell of persons crushed to death beneath falling walls and of populous towns destroyed. In Pistoia several hundred persons were reported to have been killed and many injured.

King Victor Emmanuel, with his son, went to Pisa this morning as soon as he received news of the earthquake. Later he went into the districts of Tuscany which were most affected by the shock.

Shocks Affect Great Areas.

Greatest damage was done in provinces of Florence, Pisa, Leghorn, Lucca, Massa e Carrara (on the Ligurian Sea), Reggio della Emilia, Modena and Piacenza. The shock was felt in surrounding provinces, however, as far northwest as Milan. No loss of life or damage was reported from Milan.

The Red Cross has sent physicians, nurses, medicines and hundreds of beds, many tents and supplies into the region affected. Other societies and many individuals are assisting in the relief work. Supplies are urgently needed, however, since 700,000 men, women and children are reported to be homeless and camping out in the open.

One of the greatest difficulties encountered in relieving the distress is due to the fact that earthquake caused an enormous displacement of earth and rocks, which obstructed the roads and destroyed telegraph and telephone communication throughout the zone visited by the earthquake.

Reports indicate that many towns were totally wiped out. The loss was particularly heavy in Pistoia, a prosperous little town perched on the slopes of the Apennines. It possessed a town hall and the ruins of an old castle. To-day the place is one of desolation, while many of the inhabitants of the town are buried in its ruins.

Many Towns in Ruins.

Sollera, in the Province of Massa Marittima, and Monti, near by, were partially destroyed. Rivesano, Pomi and Montignoro are reported in ruins, while in Marina and Carrara many structures have collapsed. At Viareggio the Church of St. Paul was destroyed and at Castel Franco di Sotto the ceiling of a church was shattered.

Pistoia, however, at Lucca as a result of the cataclysm, and from Gavignano and Limestre come reports of lives being lost. The village of Vietta was entirely destroyed. Serious damage was done in the Prignano district, where houses collapsed, and at Frasimero, where a number of houses fell. Pievepelago and Sant' Andrea were badly damaged, but the number of victims has not been ascertained.

At Vietta, an agricultural village, the survivors there were removed by force from their collapsing houses, as they refused to leave themselves away from the places where relatives or friends had been so tragically buried.

Barco, a town of 9,000 inhabitants, was virtually destroyed, as was also Fornici near dead have already been identified and laid out in the small picturesque cemetery, which was thrown open by the earthquake. Barco was the birthplace of the poet Giovanni Pascoli.

HARDING GETS PARIS POST.

Experienced British Diplomat Appointed as Ambassador.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—The French Government has given its approval to the appointment of Baron Hardinge of Penshurst as British Ambassador to France.

The probability that Baron Hardinge would be appointed to succeed the Earl of Derby as Ambassador to France in November was indicated in London Monday. He has served officially at Constantinople, Berlin, Washington, Paris, St. Petersburg and many other capitals and as Viceroy of India.

FRENCH BITTERLY OPPOSED.

Have Difficulty Maintaining Position Against Turk Resistance.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 7 (Delayed).—Turkish Nationalist bands are opposing bitter resistance to the French in the regions of Urfa, Aintab and Adana, according to advices received today. Many attempts have been made to destroy the Bagdad railway. The French are holding the cities with difficulty, occupying Aintab five days ago.

Four workers of the American Commission for Relief in the Near East are remaining in Aintab. They are Miss Boyd of Boston, Miss Louise Clark of White Plains, New York, and the American missionary Dr. Logan Shepard and his wife.

Cuba Bars Imports of Rice.

HAVANA, Sept. 8.—President Menocal issued a decree yesterday prohibiting importation of rice until January 1, 1921, except under Government license. This step was taken as a means of arriving at a solution of the financial problem which arose between Cuban importers and American exporters of rice, through the failure of the former, after a slump in the market, to fulfill contracts covering between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 worth of that product shipped to this country.

Synod Rejects Prohibition.

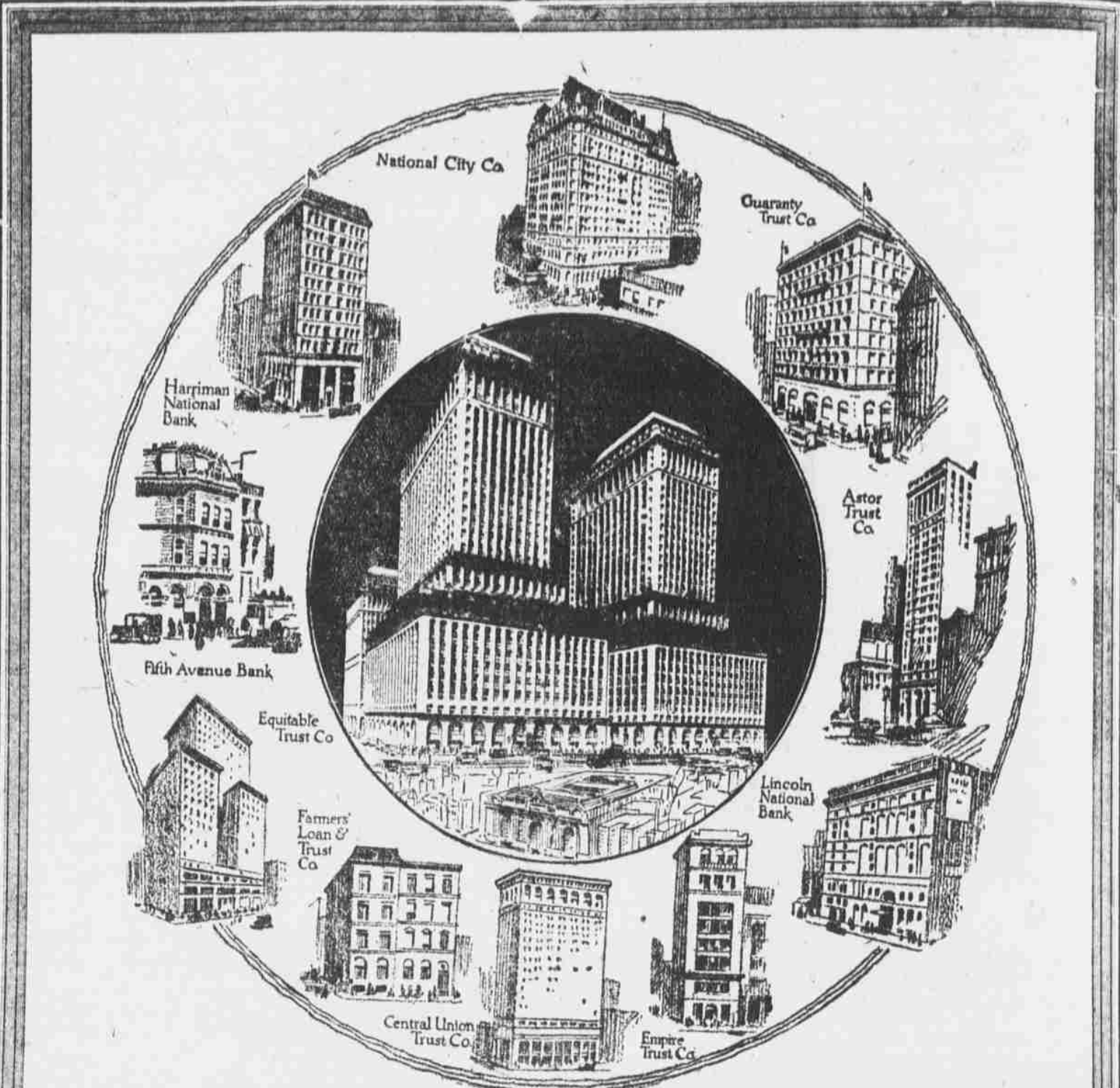
MELBOURNE, South Australia, Sept. 8 (Delayed).—Resolutions favoring prohibition were rejected by the Anglican Synod, in session here to-day. During debate on the resolutions one of the speakers was the Rev. Mr. Walker, M.A., who said: "Prohibition is anti-Christian and the idea of American cranks."

Heavy Flood Damage in Austria.

VIENNA, Sept. 8.—Continuous rains during the past fortnight have resulted in floods throughout Austria, with enormous property losses. Navigation has ceased along the Danube, houses, bridges and wharves have been swept away, and in many places inhabitants have been driven to the upper floors. Railroad traffic is seriously hampered.

Spain Nabs Suspected Reds.

VALENCIA, Spain, Sept. 8.—Several Syndicalists have been arrested here and the authorities believe that among them are criminals involved in recent assassinations, including that of Marquis Salaverra, former Governor-General at Barcelona.



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